

# Assessing Current & Future Infrastructure Hazards: Forecasting Platform Integrity with Machine Learning & Advanced Analytics for Reuse Optimization Strategies and Risk Prevention



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*Offshore Unconventional Resources*  
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# **AIIM: Advanced Infrastructure Integrity Modeling**

Applying smart, data-driven analytics to identify infrastructure opportunities and risks



## Assessing Current and Future Infrastructure Hazards

- Built and cross-validated **machine learning (ML)** and advanced analytical models forecasting platform **remaining lifespan & risk**
- Develop, applied, and released **AIIM** framework data and results through **NETL Common Operating Platform (COP)**

Task 3:  
**Completed,  
June 2021**

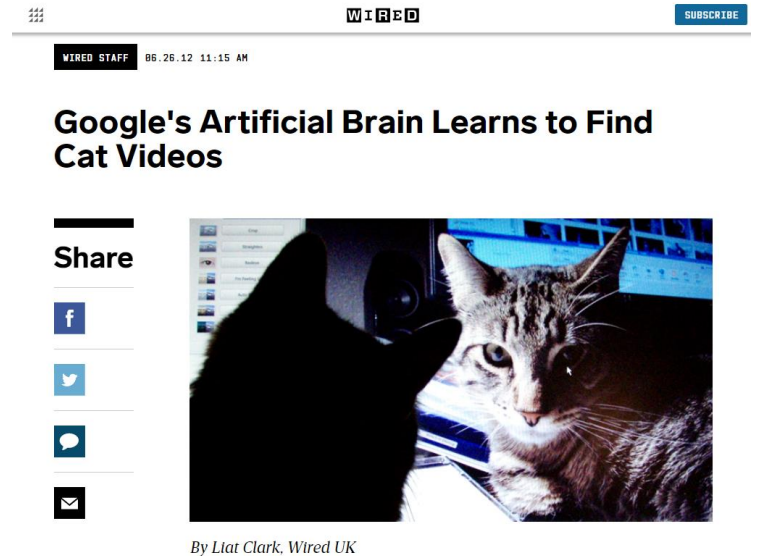
## Smart Models to Optimize Use or Reuse of Production & Transport Infrastructure

- **Building off Task 3**, analyze permanent, semi-permanent, high-risk infrastructure (platforms, pipelines)
- Build a **smart modeling tool** to evaluate long-term integrity
- Assess **environmental & operational impacts** for more environmentally prudent planning

Task 10:  
**New Start,  
April 2021**

# A few definitions to set the stage...

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
  - “Programmed” intelligence
- **Machine Learning (ML)**
  - **Supervised ML**, the machine is trained, taught
  - **Unsupervised ML**, the machine learns on it’s own (Google’s cat video experiment)
- **Big Data**
  - Large volumes, variety, variability, velocity of data
- **Big Data Computing**
  - Computing engineering & systems to handle big data



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NETL SUPERCOMPUTER

**WATT**  
— The Power of **AI**



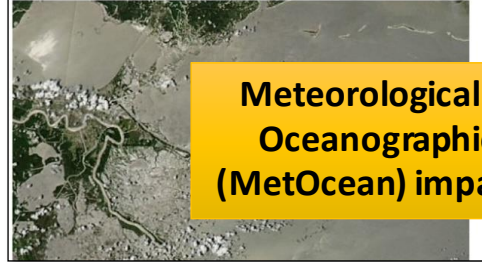
# What are the needs?

- We are asking **more** from aging infrastructure
- Offshore operations can be hazardous
  - **Environment**
  - **Operational wear and tear**

## Values Delivered

- Identify and address hazards
- Mitigate risk and cost
- Inform life extension & resource optimization strategies

Taylor Energy oil platform, destroyed in 2004 during Hurricane Ivan, is still leaking in Gulf



**Meteorological & Oceanographic (MetOcean) impacts**

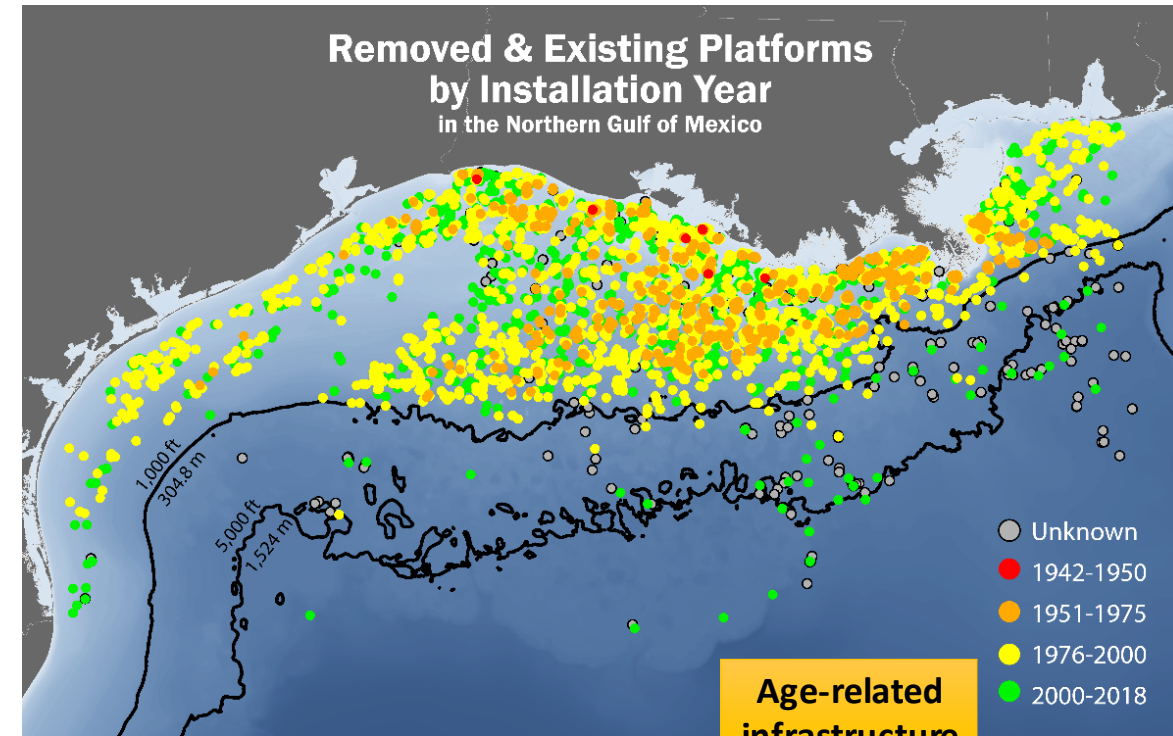
**fuel fix**

Ad CAUTION Healthy Mouths Healthy Lives

**Integrity risks**

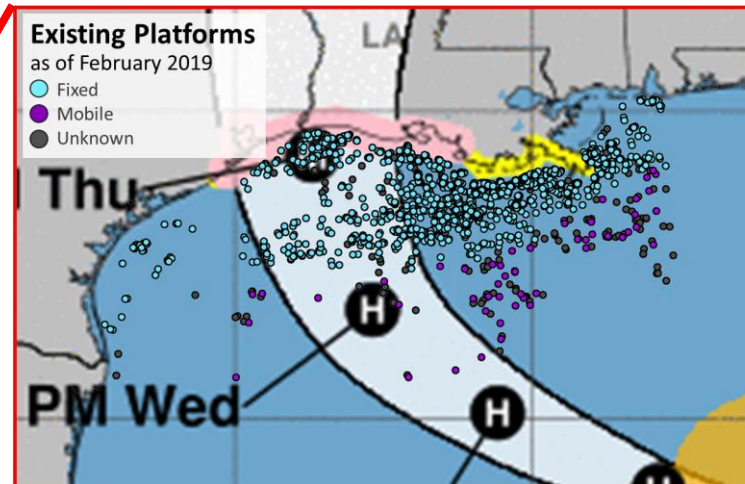
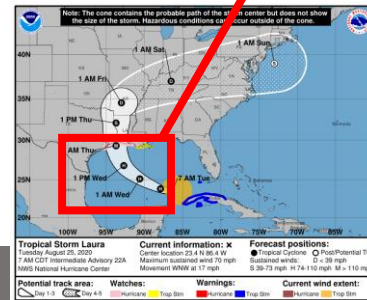
**Offshore drilling regulator warns of bolt failures in Gulf of Mexico**

Posted by James Osborne Date: May 03, 2016



**Age-related infrastructure hazards**

**Hurricane Laura, August 2020**



***Need to prevent hazards & support response planning***

## Data-Driven Approach & Driving Insights

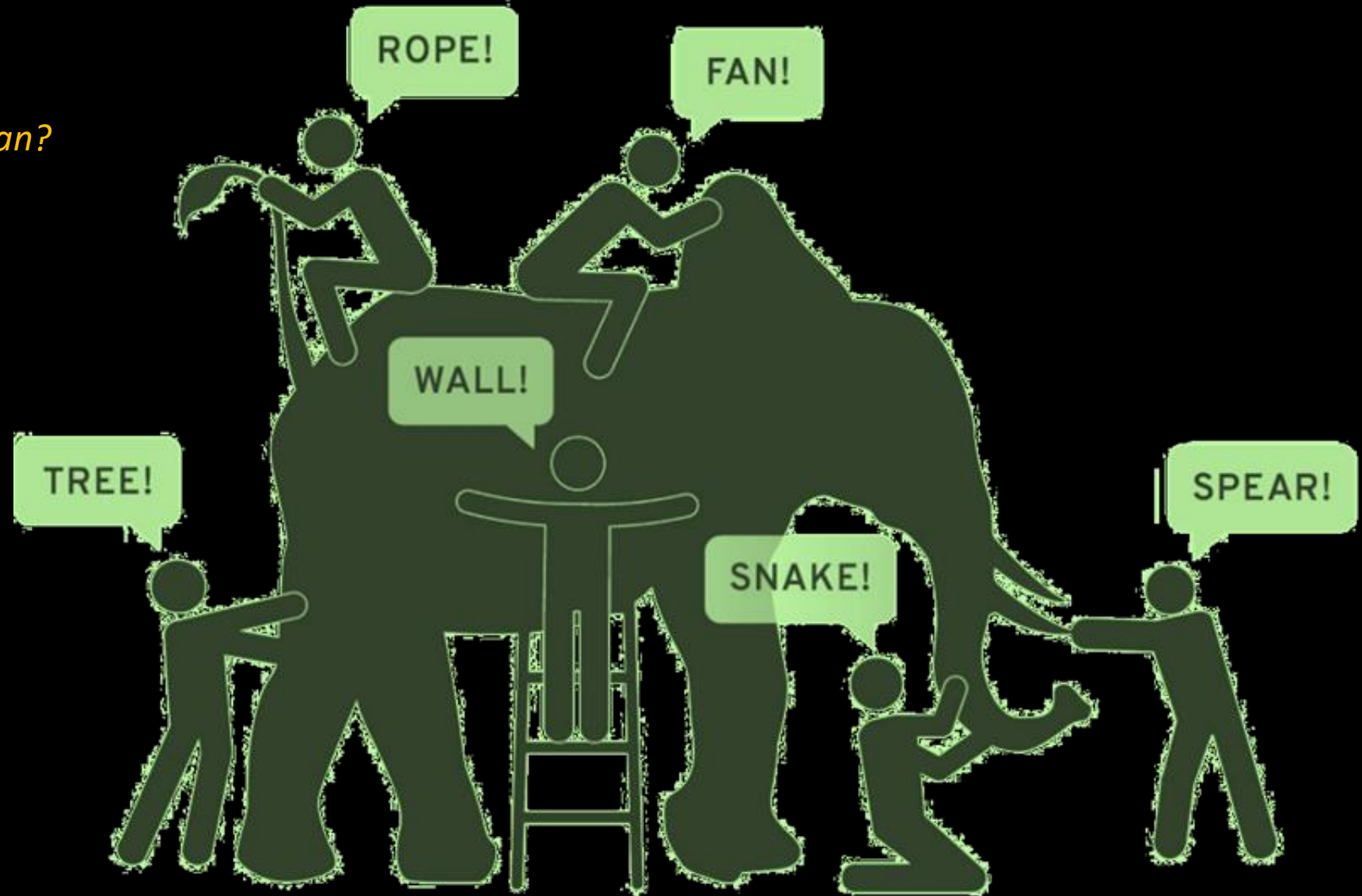
*Leveraging Big Data & Big Data Computing of the whole to inform the local*

### Predicting Integrity

1. What is the remaining lifespan?
2. Likelihood of future risk?

### Data representing the natural-engineered offshore system

- Structural platform records
- Incident reports
- Metocean\* data
- Geohazard data
- Production information



# Dataset Development



7,065 platform records  
1942-2020

>4,000 incident records  
1956-2000, 2006-2018

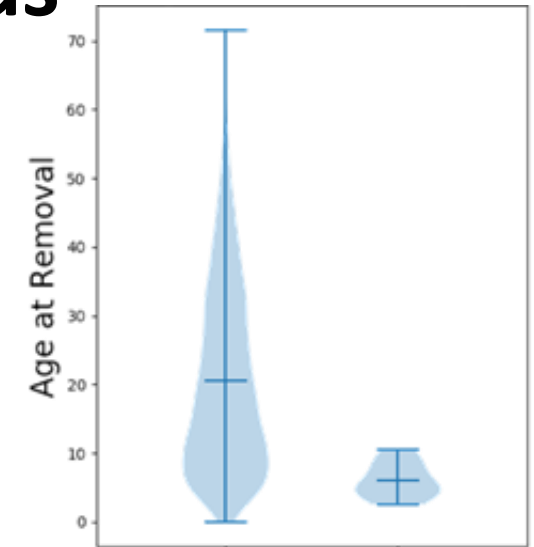
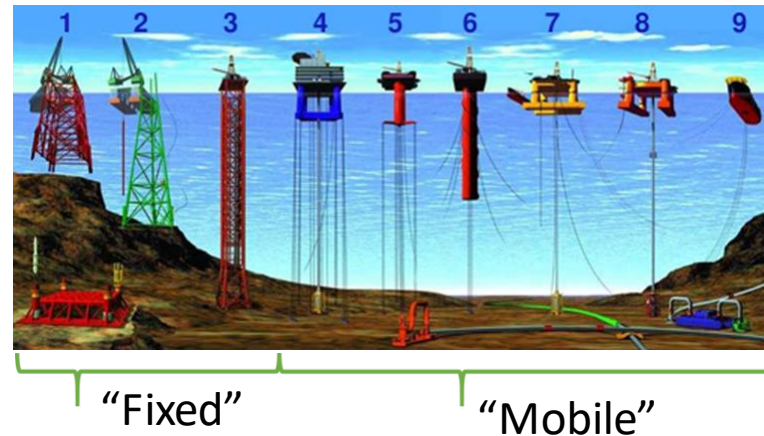
Evaluated infrastructure  
integrity based on:

- Location
- Use
- Operating condition
- Incident history
- Current velocity
- Wind speeds
- Wave height
- Storms
- External corrosion

## Structure & Incident Records

Offshore platform structure types:

Sources include  
BOEMRE, BSEE,  
USCG, MMS



"Fixed" "Mobile"

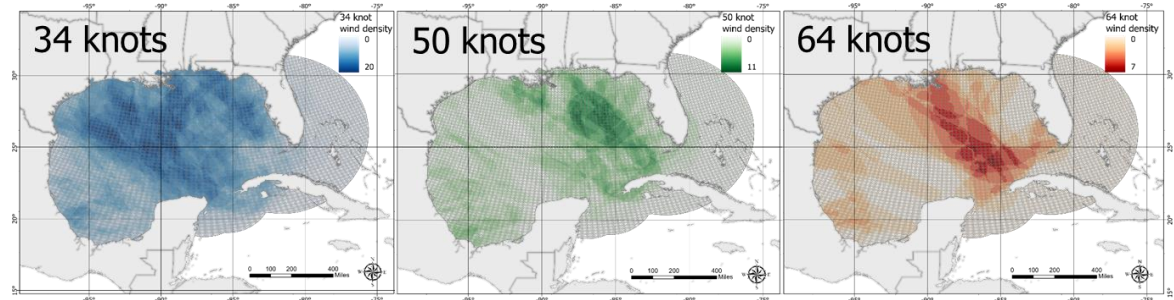
## Metocean Big Data

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Data example: *Density of storm occurrences by wind speed*

>51,000 layers  
(>130 GB)

Sources include NOAA, US  
Navy, World Ocean Database,  
and external models

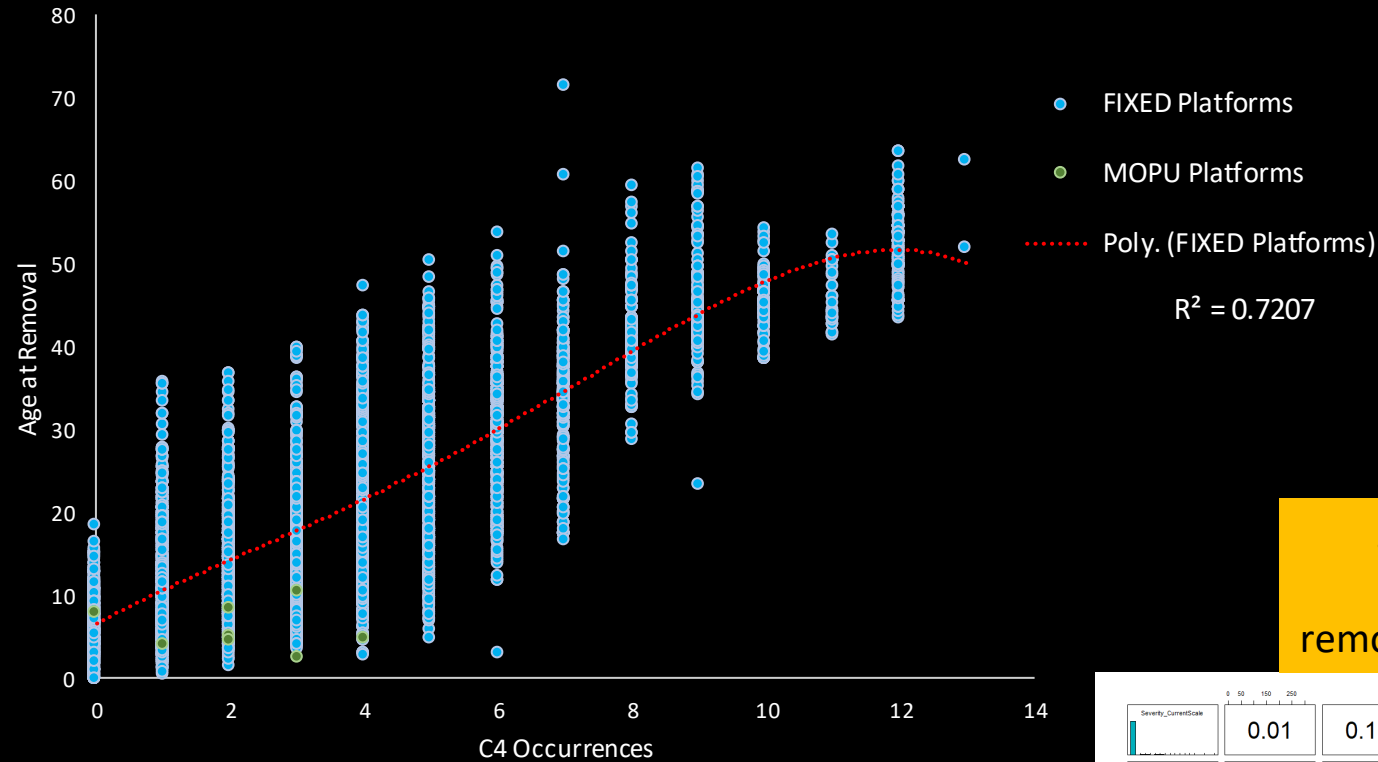




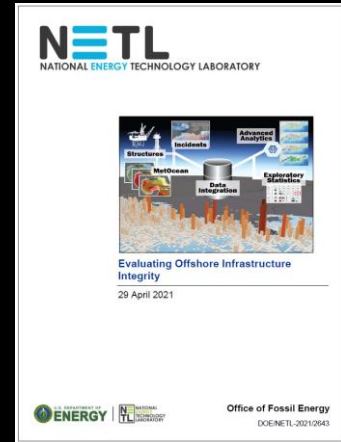
# Exploratory Stats & Variable Analyses

- *Understanding the data*
- Found relationships between age, incident severity, structural complexity, and environment
- Key variable selection improved understanding of *operational platform integrity*

C4 Occurrences at Removed Platforms

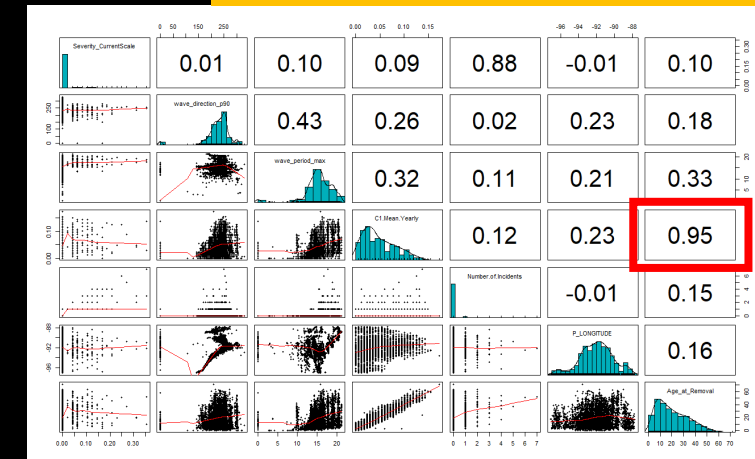


**Potential plateau** in the number of times a platform can sustain extreme hurricane conditions (Ordinary Least Squares regression)



Nelson et al., 2021

**Strong relationship (0.95) between hurricanes and removal age (Pearson's Correlation)**



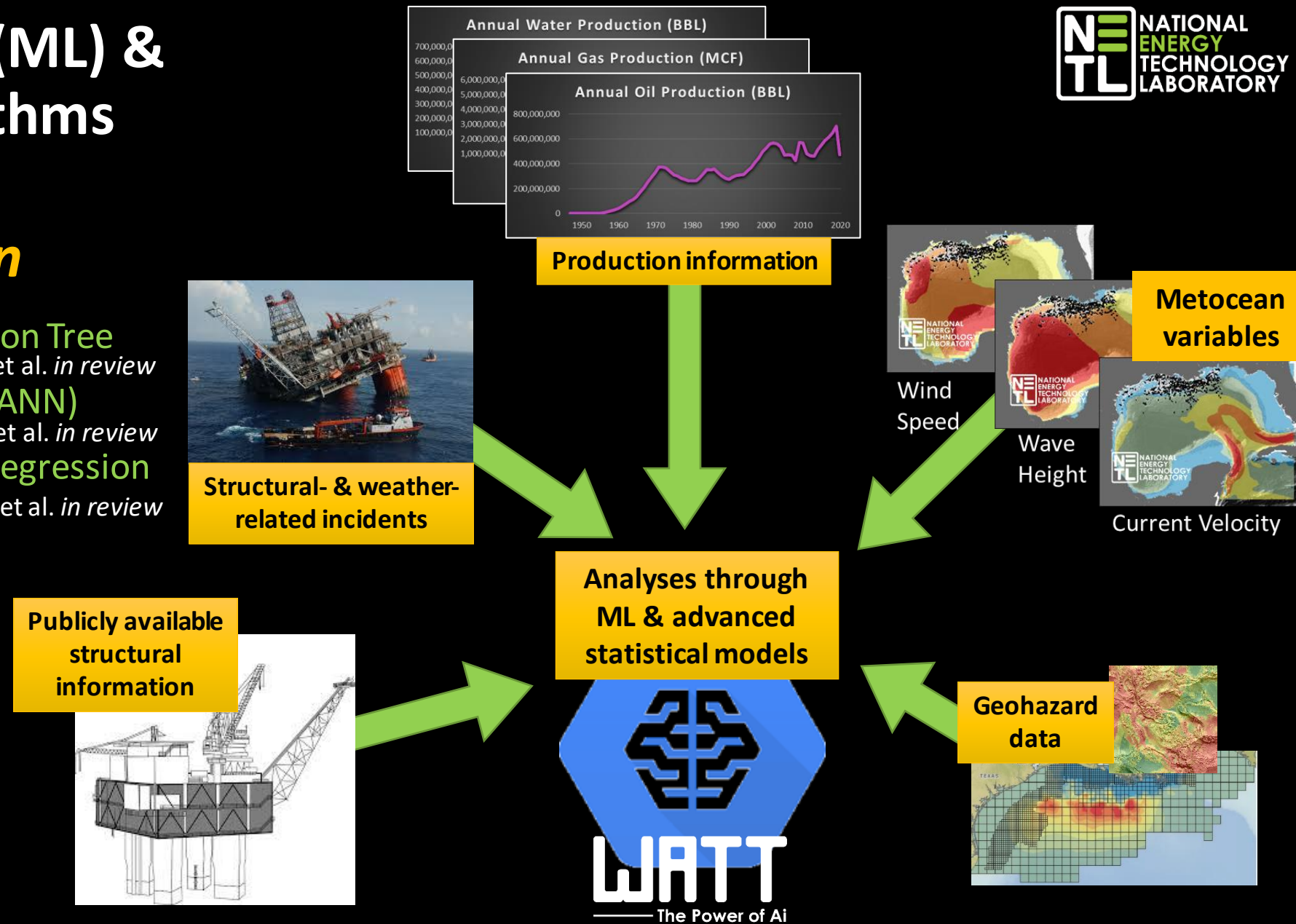
# Machine Learning (ML) & Advanced Algorithms

## Predicting Lifespan

1. Gradient Boosted Regression Tree  
Dyer et al. *in review*
2. Artificial Neural Network (ANN)  
Dyer et al. *in review*
3. Geographically Weighted Regression  
Nelson et al. *in review*

## Risk Likelihood

- ANN Regression



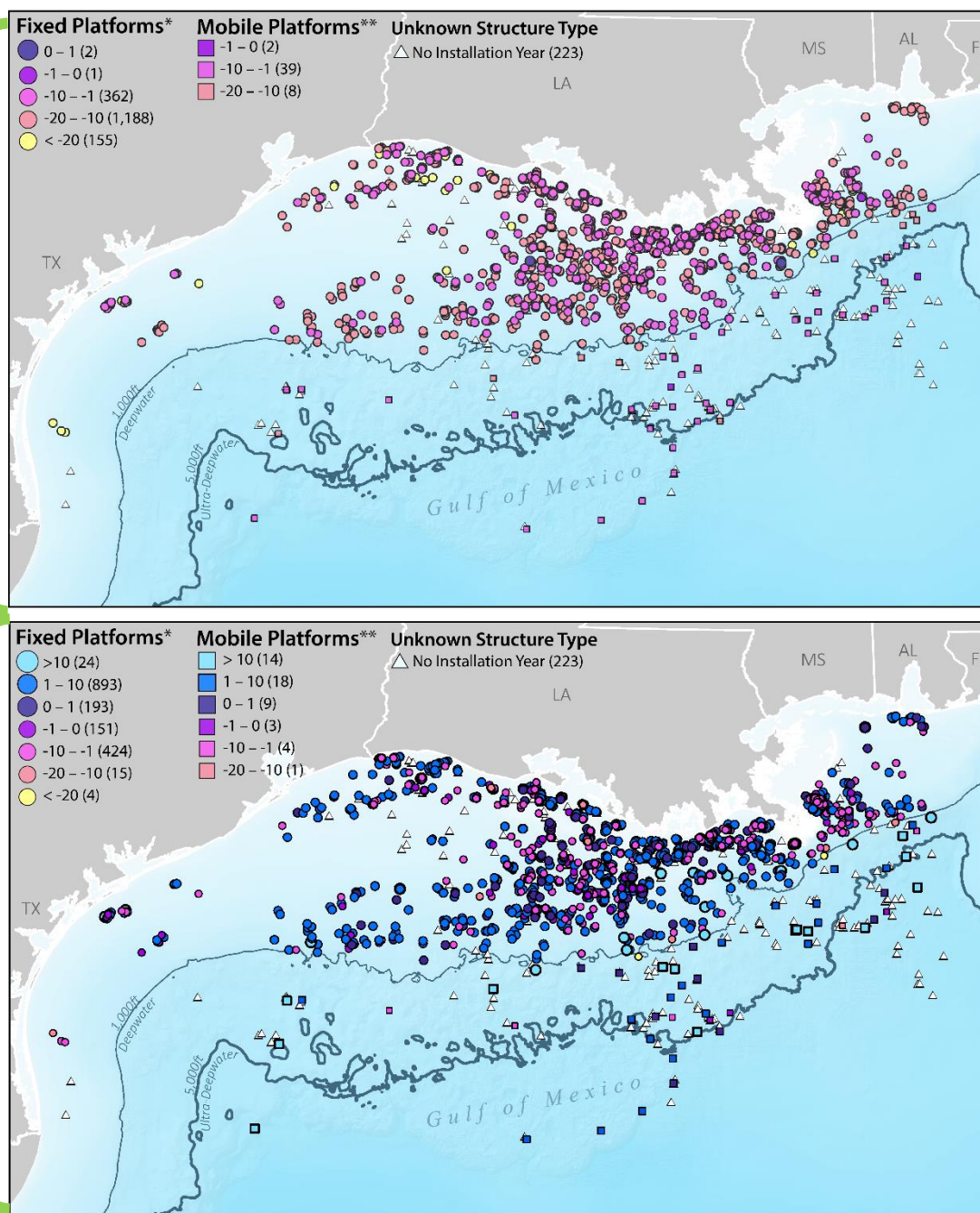


# Predicting remaining lifespan



**Gradient Boosted Regression Tree**  
97% accuracy

**Artificial Neural Network**  
95% accuracy



Running **multiple models** allows us to better understand and **internally validate results**

## Values Delivered

- Helps to locally inform **use/reuse strategies**
- Inform **maintenance and monitoring** decisions

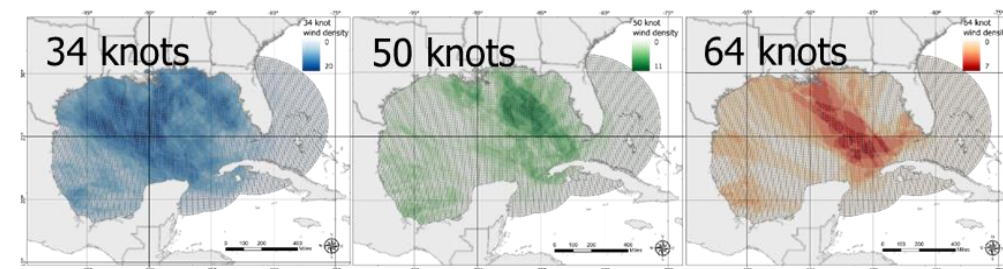
Dyer et al., in review

# Explainable AI: *Understanding the predictions*

## Which *attributes (features)* had predicting power?

- Do they make sense?
- Do they agree between the models?
- How do they differ?

Dyer et al., in review



### **GBRT** (10 out of 23)

1. Category 1 hurricane yearly mean
2. Category 3 hurricane yearly mean
3. Category 4 hurricane yearly mean
4. Min. central pressure, 25th percentile
5. Min. central pressure, std. dev.
6. Tropical storm yearly mean
7. Wave direction, 90<sup>th</sup> percentile
8. Mean meridional wind
9. Category 2 hurricane yearly mean
10. Category 1 hurricane max. days yearly

Metocean  
Production  
Structural  
Location

**ANN also  
includes  
Incidents  
Geohazards**

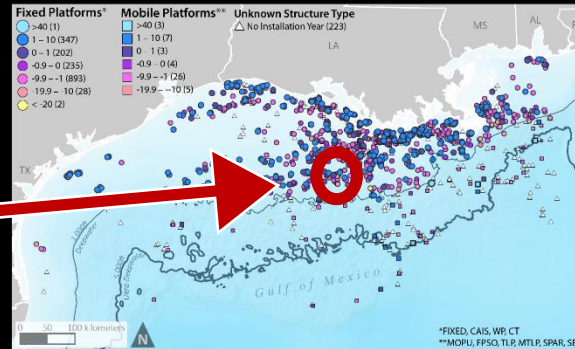
### **ANN** (10 out of 792)

1. Category 1 hurricane yearly mean
2. Category 3 hurricane yearly mean
3. Category 4 hurricane yearly mean
4. Tropical storm yearly mean
5. Max. reported wind gust, 25<sup>th</sup> percentile
6. Category 2 hurricane yearly mean
7. Area code
8. Category 1 hurricane max. days yearly
9. Category 4 hurricane yearly max.
10. Zonal wind minimum



Example: Using the whole to inform the local

**B Fixed Platform**  
Installed 1972 (~49 years old)



Both models found platform to be **past** the predicted removal age.



## Poor Risk Communication, Inadequate Maintenance Behind Fatal Gulf of Mexico Platform Incident

OE Staff • March 12, 2021



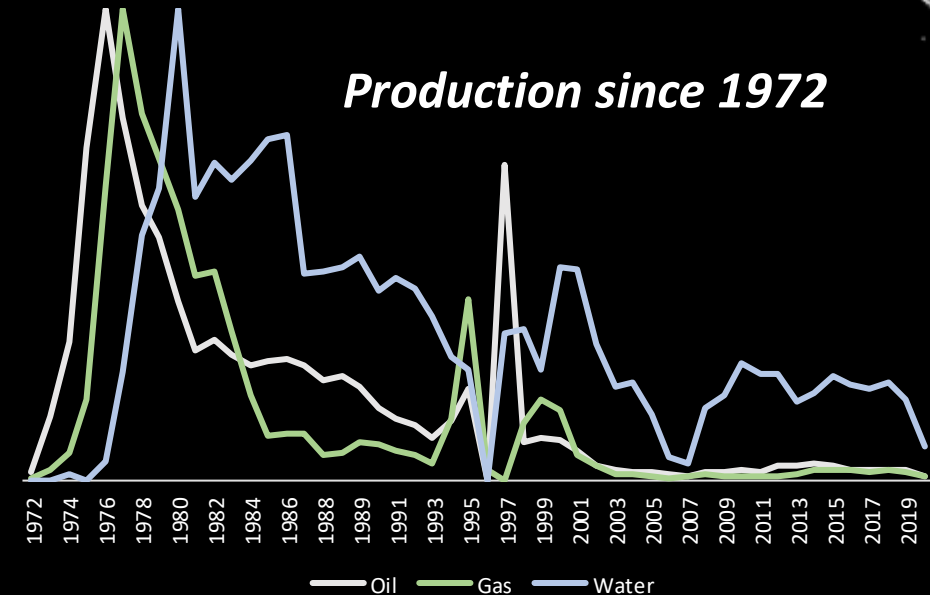
Action Suspended in Open



Aerial Photograph of El-331 Platform "B" - Credit: BSEE



Post-Incident Photograph of Hazardous Grating Section Suspended in Open Hole with Red "DANGER" Marking Tape Affixed - Credit: BSEE



BSEE. Investigation of May 29, 2019, Fatality. BSEE Panel Report 2021-001.

Offshore Engineer. March 12, 2021. Poor Risk Communication, Inadequate Maintenance Behind Fatal Gulf of Mexico Platform Incident.

4 reported incidents  
272 storms  
11 tropical storms  
53 hurricanes, including 2 C5

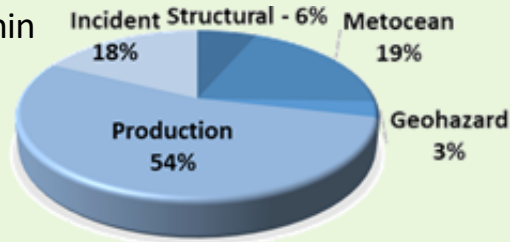


# Models can *adapt* to answer a range of questions

**Currently** models are forecasting:

- Remaining lifespan (*age at removal*)
- Future Risk (*incident severity*)

Attribute breakdown within comprehensive dataset:

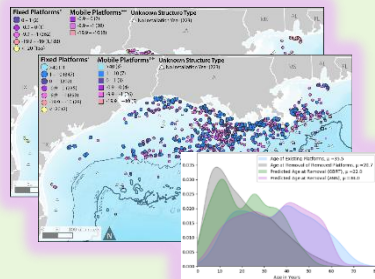


**Modeling Framework**

Inputs

Pre-processing,  
training and  
scoring iterations

Outputs



*Given the right  
input data and training...*

**...models can predict  
other variables**

**Potential Outputs**

- Environmental load preparedness
- Decommissioning
- Incidents
- Maintenance needs
- Production potential

**Modeling Framework**

Comprehensive  
dataset

Supplemental  
information

Pre-processing,  
training and  
scoring iterations

Altered  
hyperparameters

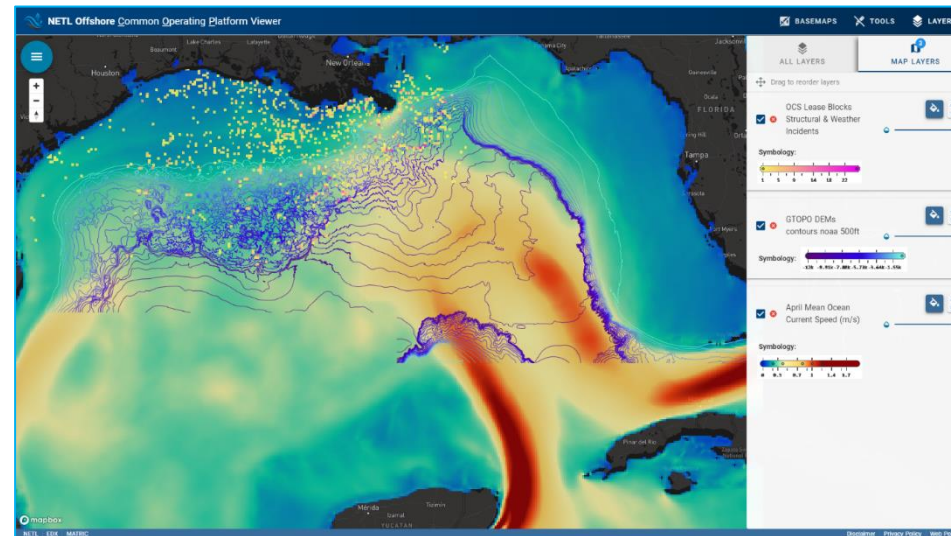
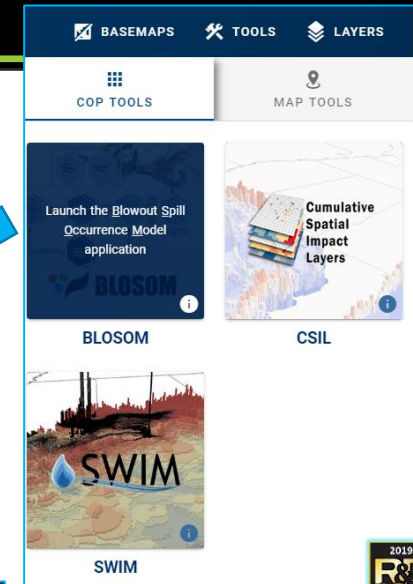
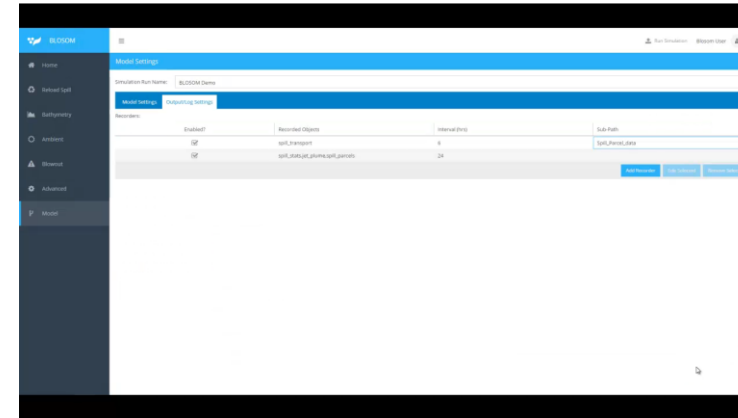
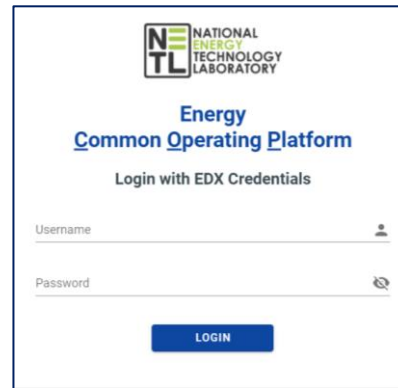
Learning  
something new

Outputs

# Increasing Access to Data & Models Through NETL's Common Operating Platform

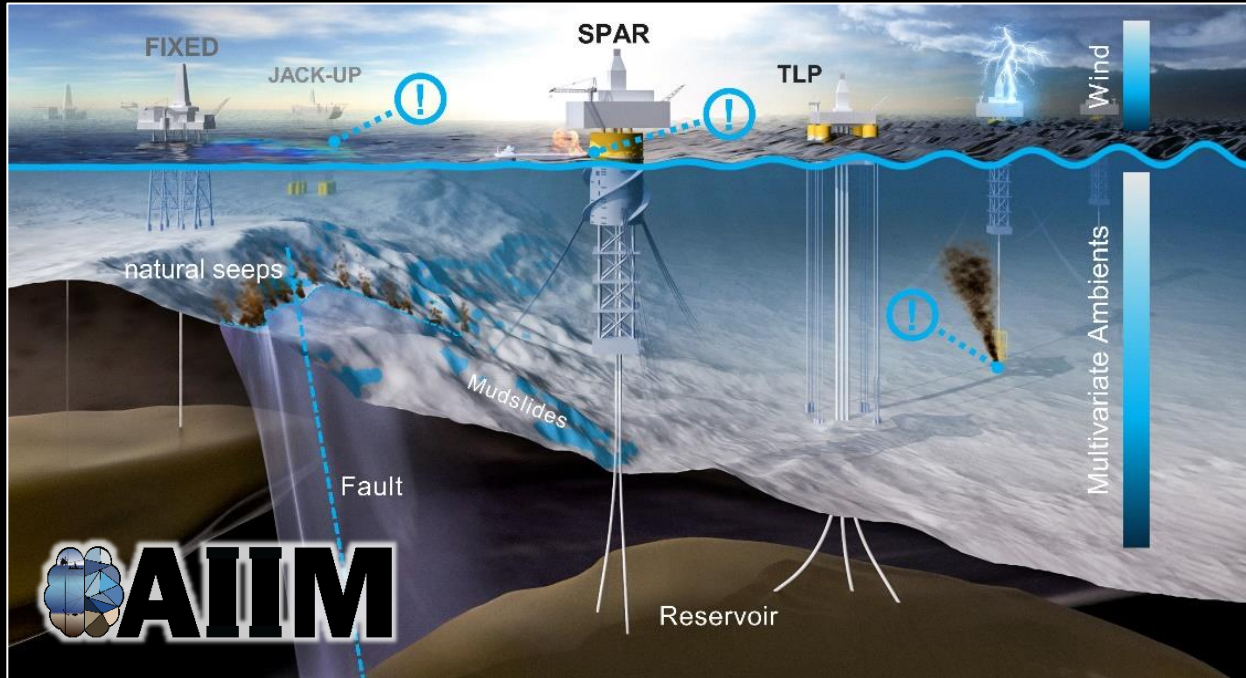


- Integrate ML, big data, and analytical outputs with online platform
- Platform securely released through Energy Data eXchange®
- Leverage award-winning Offshore Risk Modeling Suite
- Real-time analyses to better understand offshore infrastructure integrity

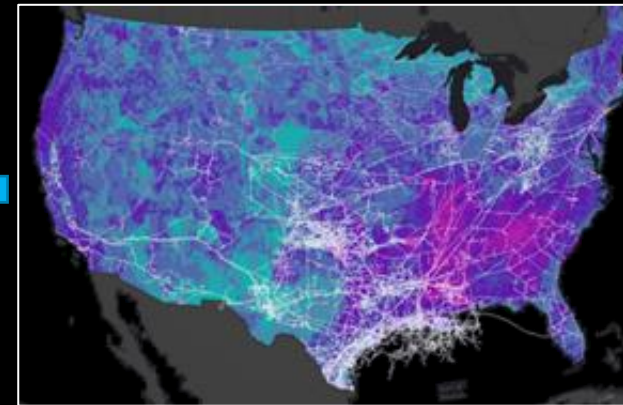


# Synergy Opportunities

## Internal collaboration and external interests



Work has been shared with



National  
geospatial  
pipeline risk  
modelling  
analytics for  
sensor placement

Potential additional external interests



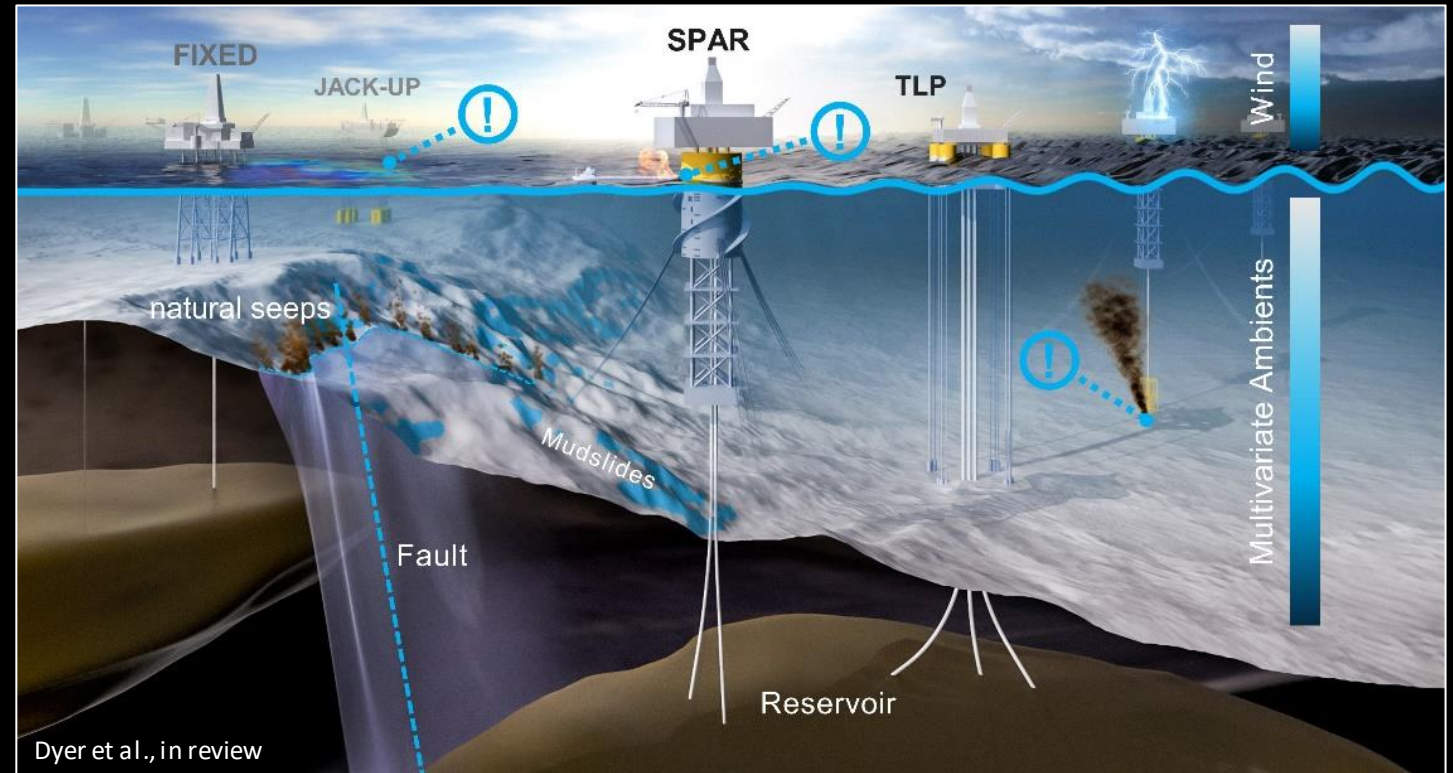


# Lessons Learned from Task 3

- **Big data, big data computing, and AI/ML** for solving complex problems
- **ML models** predicting existing platform longevity at **95–97% accuracy**
- **Full system analytics** enables us to **identify regional trends and explain our results locally**

## Next Steps – Task 10

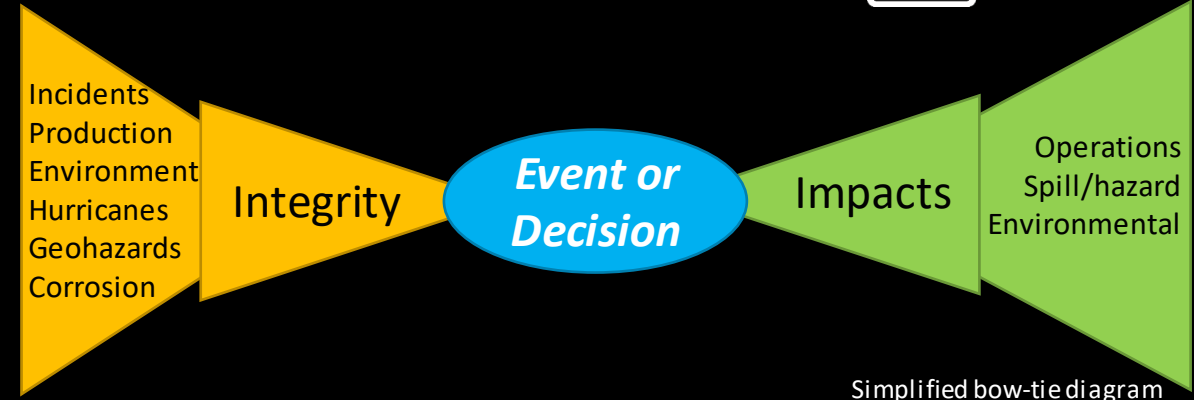
- Build off Task 3 and fill in identified information gaps
- Apply **time series and causal analytics**
- Develop **smart tool for rapid evaluation of infrastructure integrity**



# Task 10: Smart Models to Optimize Use or Reuse of Production & Transport Infrastructure

## Accomplishments

- Kick-off, April 2021
- Completed literature review of **>40 additional publications**
- Acquired **>1.2TB** of data
- Began planning evaluation methods to include *causality testing* and *time series analytics*

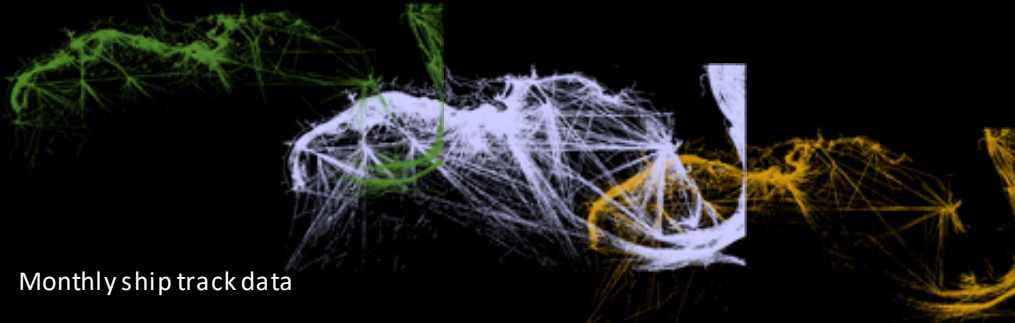


## Lessons Learned

- Big data  $\neq$  better data
- Correlation  $\neq$  causation
- Advanced models must be **explainable**

## Challenges

- Historic data trapped in reports
- Access to maintenance and inspection records
- Limited equipment information



Monthly ship track data

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# Thank you!

# Benefit to the Program

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- **Tasks 3 and 10** supports the development of data, methods, models, and tools to support the evaluation of the current state of offshore oil and gas infrastructure in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.
- **Task 3 (completed)** resulted in a novel analytical framework utilizing big data, big data computing, ML models, and an advanced geographic model to forecast the remaining lifespan and future risk of platforms. Resulting data and model outputs were hosted onto the newly developed NETL COP, also built as a result from this project.
- **Task 10 (new start)** will result in a multivariate, novel, and intelligent approach encompassing the full offshore natural-engineered system is needed to inform local use and reuse optimization strategies, minimize cost, and mitigate operational and environmental impacts. The application of big data, big data computing, causality testing, and ML will uncover key insights necessary for the safe and efficient offshore energy operations that are currently missing from existing approaches. Results from this project will improve predictive abilities to inform energy exploration and production strategies, prevent risk and promote safety, and help limit the already small FE offshore footprint while expanding energy resources.

# Task 10 Project Overview

## Goals and Objectives

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- Funded by DOE as part of Offshore Unconventional Resources DE FE-1022409
- RSS Contract researchers
- Ongoing performance dates 2021-2023
- Project Participants
  - Federal: Jennifer Bauer (co-PI), Kelly Rose
  - LRST: Lucy Romeo (co-PI), Alec Dyer, Michael Sabbatino, Madison Wenzlick, Patrick Wingo, and Dakota Zaengle
  - Theiss Research: Rodrigo Duran, Ph.D.



# Organization Chart

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**Lead Organization**  
NETL

**Principal Investigators**  
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## **Task 3**

Assessing Current a Future Infrastructure Hazards

**Leads:** Jennifer Bauer, Lucy Romeo

**Team:** Aaron Barkhurst, Rodrigo Duran, Alec Dyer, Jake Nelson, Michael Sabbatino, Madison Wenzlick, Patrick Wingo, Dakota Zaengle, and Kelly Rose

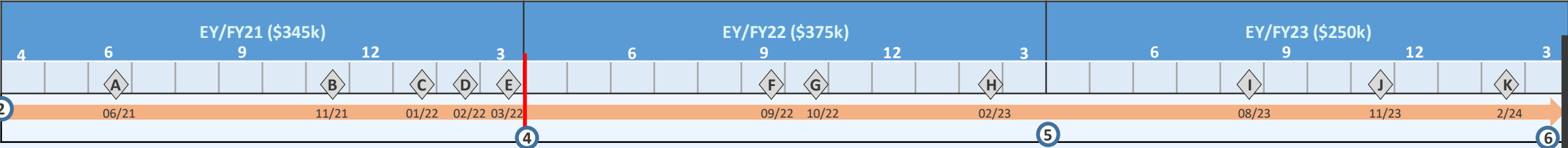
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Smart Models to Optimize Use or Reuse of Production & Transport Infrastructure

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# Gantt Chart – Task 10



Number	Expected Completion Date	Description
10.A	06/21	Complete a literature review on structural and external factors that influence offshore platform infrastructure operational capabilities, as well as past analytical techniques used to measure structural lifespan.
10.B	11/21	Acquire big, disparate data representing structural information, incident records, metocean variables, geohazard data, and well information. Integrate data into a comprehensive spatial dataset.
10.C	01/22	Complete preliminary analytics, including causality testing, on dataset to identify initial trends and patterns, as well as knowledge gaps. Identify potential advanced analytical techniques (machine learning [ML], geographic, statistical) for evaluating the current state of infrastructure for use and reuse optimization.
10.D	02/22	Outline technical report or manuscript covering data and methods for evaluating the current state of platform infrastructure for use and reuse optimization.
10.E	03/22	Determine if the preliminary analytics and current state of knowledge confirm that models can effectively analyze the integrity of offshore production infrastructure.
10.F	09/22	Apply smart models to evaluate the current state of production FE infrastructure in the U.S. GOM.
10.G	10/22	Develop analytical framework for a novel data-driven tool that uses smart tool logic to evaluate infrastructure.
10.H	02/23	Acquire data representing environmental and operational risk relating to exploration and production activities in the U.S. GOM.
10.I	08/23	Analyze potential environmental and operational impacts using existing tools from the ORM suite.
10.J	11/23	Provide demonstrable applications of novel tool for evaluating the current state of platform infrastructure, streamlined with environmental and operational impact assessments.
10.K	02/24	Submit technical report or manuscript for publication.

# Research Products from Offshore Tasks 3 and 10

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- Publications

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- Data

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